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Chief of Station, Vietnam

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PHOENIX/Judicial Processing of VC Civil Suspects

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

O.G.C. SUBJ: VIETNAM INTERNAL
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A/R: FYI

1. Forwarded under separate cover are two packages of memoranda and reports prepared by [] during his recent, extended TDY in Vietnam in support of the PHOENIX program. One of these is intended for VNO and/or other FE purposes, the other should be forwarded to Office of General Counsel.

2. A copy of [] final report and recommendations will be sent in separately.

3. As before, his services have been very much appreciated. Ambassador Komer, DepCORDS, and Mr. Colby, ACoFS, CORDS, both have called on [] repeatedly for his opinion, or for accomplishment of ad hoc tasks in the general area of legal procedures affecting the arrest, trial, detention and release of VC civil suspects and VC civil detainees.

4. Much remains to be done in this field; however, it appears that the solution to the most critical problems of coping with the enormous workload of VC civil detainees lies in the areas of (1) improved administrative and investigative/screening procedures, and (2) expansion and improvement of Police Special Branch capabilities for screening, interrogation, investigation and presentation of evidence or persuasive intelligence to support court trial or judicial processing by the provincial security committee system. And this is a function of manpower and training, as well as of physical facilities.

5. In any event, while there will be a need for further work in the legal field, the Station is now of the opinion that this is not properly a [] function. Rather, we would hope to call upon the legal talents of USAID/Public Administration and especially of the MACV Staff Judge Advocate for more substantial support than in the past.

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